

Recreate at Okhissa Lake

Welcome to the Homochitto National Forest and beautiful Okhissa Lake, a 1075-acre recreational lake for your fishing, boating and leisure enjoyment. Okhissa Lake currently offers many amenities and additional improvements are planned for the future. Please recreate safely and enjoy your visit. Fee is \$5.00 per vehicle.

If you have a great day on the lake, remember to tell your friends and neighbors and help boost the economy in Franklin and surrounding counties. Okhissa Lake Recreation Area is located 3 miles south of Bude, MS, off Highway 98.

Signature



Series

Renowned Bass fisherman Bill Dance was involved at the earliest stages with the design of Okhissa Lake. Bill's stamp of approval makes this lake a hot spot for anglers, and ensures that the lake will be a sustainable fishing site long into the future. We're proud to be affiliated with Bill Dance Signature Lakes.

Site Amenities Now Open at Okhissa Lake

- Fishing
- Swimming
- Boating
- Picnicking
- Nature viewing
- Two double-lane boat ramps
- Restroom facilities
- Gazebo area for picnics
- 5 gravel parking areas
- 39 miles of shoreline

Nearby Facilities

Clear Springs Recreation Area is nearby, just 5 miles west of Meadville. This national forest recreation site offers camping, trails and additional developed facilities for campers, hikers and mountain bike enthusiasts.

- 22 developed camping sites
- 22 primitive camping sites
- 12-acre lake
- 25 miles of trails for mountain bikes and hikers
- Historic pavilion
- Group camp site

Hours of Operation: 5:00 am – 9:00 pm

Rules for Watercraft "JET SKI'S ARE NOT ALLOWED"

- Obey posted speed limits.
- Do not operate your boat recklessly.
- Personal watercraft and houseboats are not permitted.
- Keep your boat at idle speed in non-designated areas.
- Refrain from skiing or operating boats in closed areas.
- Boats with an open exhaust system are not allowed.
- No Lifeguard on Duty (Swim at your own risk)
- For your safety, water skiing is only permitted in designated area between 9:00 a.m. and sunset. (Obey posted signs regarding skiing.)

Restricted Activities

The following activities are not permitted at Okhissa Lake Recreation Area at this time:

- Camping
- Hunting
- Discharging firearms, air rifles, gas guns
- Fishing with trotlines, yo-yos, nets, throw lines, jugs or hand-grabbing
- Horseback riding and use of pack animals
- Operating unlicensed trail bikes, ATVs and other low-PSI vehicles in the recreation area
- Abandoning your vehicle or parking in a way that violates posted instructions - **No Parking Along Roadways or on Grass**

Fishing Regulations

Daily Creel Limits

Bass: slot limit 18"-22"; daily limit 10; only 1 bass above 22" (all bass between 18" and 22" in length must be returned to the water immediately)

Bream: daily limit 50

Crappie: daily limit 10; 10 inch minimum length limit

Catfish: daily limit 5

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